

Today's
Advertisements.

VICTORIA CHAPTER.

No. 535, E.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, TONIGHT, the 11th inst. at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1308)

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

A COMPETITION for the above will be held TOMORROW (SATURDAY), the 12th inst., commencing at 9.30 P.M. RANGES—300, 500 and 600 yards. Seven shots and one Sighiter. ENTRANCE FEE for Spoons—30 cents. MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1315)

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.) THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN," Captain E. Wollersdorf, will leave for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst.

For further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1333)

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI. THE Company's Steamship

"BAVARIA," Captain E. Prehr, due here with the outward German Mail about TUESDAY, the 15th inst., will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1333)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BALLAARAT," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—From London, &c., as S.S. India. From Australia, &c., as S.S. Oriental. From Persia Gulf, &c., as S.S. Assyria.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1345)

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship

"SIAVA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underwriter before Noon on the 18th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst. at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1340)

Intimations.



A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH CLASS.

BRANDIES.

A Hennessy's Old

Pale, Red Capsule.....\$18.00

B Superior Very

Old Cognac, Red Capsule 21.00

C Very Old Li-

queur Cognac.....24.00

V. O. D Hennessy's Fin-

est Very Old Liqueur

Cognac, 1872 Vintage,

Red Capsule.....36.00

V. V. O. E Finest Very

Old Liqueur Cognac,

1842 Vintage.....48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

Smaller quantities and sample bottles will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

BIRTH.

At 32, Carlingford Road, Singapore, on Friday, 4th November, 1898, at 9 a.m., the wife of Mr. VICTOR JOSEPH REUTENS, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 10th October, at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, EXMAY M. L. EDWARDS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Selangor, to SOPIE T. ELLIS, daughter of the late Colonel R. Ellis, 23rd N. L. I.

At the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 5th of November, 1898, by the Rev. S. C. Partridge, American Church Mission, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, Chaplain, Miss LOUISE FAYETTE HACKER of Cairo, Illinois, U.S.A., to ALBERT WHITNEY DANFORTH of Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 11th November, 1898. (1345)

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Affairs at Peking appear to have been ominously quiet for the past few days and consequently our northern contemporaries are speculating as to the probable meaning of this lull in the whirl of events. The Shanghai papers view this unusual tranquillity as a bad sign and predict that before long we shall have some startling developments to face which will be far and away more serious than any which have threatened during the last few months. What these developments are to be we do not know, but in all probability they will take the form of some action or other on the part of Russia for it is stated that she now has practically the whole of her Asiatic forces concentrated along the Chinese frontier and ready to push forward along the roads to Peking at any time. A correspondent of the *Morning Post* estimates these troops at no less than 125,000 men with flying artillery and a strong contingent of cavalry.

"Every highroad to Peking," says the correspondent in question, "starts from or passes through the cities and districts named Tai-Ts'i-Har, Petuna, Kirin, Ninguta, and Moukden, and at the head of every one of these roads is now stationed a Russian force, ready to move south at any time, at a moment's notice, for trains and supplies have been fairly well organised. Nor is this all. Under direction of General Grodekoff, Governor of the Amur Province, the line of the Amur Cossack posts has been pushed steadily forward up and along the Sargari River, its tributaries, the Hurko and the Nonni, so that there exists a chain of Cossack defensive posts stretching practically all the way from Blagoveshchensk to the foot of the Great Wall of China. The existence of these posts throughout Manchuria to the border, as it were, of China proper will greatly facilitate an advance 'southward' if emergencies require it."

The Japanese papers have "gone one better" and report the existence of a secret treaty between China and Russia by which Russia places her army and navy at the disposal of China. In the event of invasion, the forces to be paid for by China in the event of assistance being required. This agreement is to hold good until such time as the forces of China have been put upon a footing sufficiently strong to provide for her protection in case of invasion by another power. It is also stated that orders have been issued to the Russian commanders at Port Arthur, and

Vladivostok to be ready to act at a moment's notice upon being requested to do so by China, but that all Russian forces employed in China must be directly under the control of Russian officers. We do not fancy that such an agreement can exist and it is probable that the Japanese have discovered a mare's nest. There can be no doubt that Russia would welcome an opportunity of pouring troops into China, but we do not imagine for a moment that any such arrangement could have been made without the British Minister becoming aware of it and immediately taking steps to place Great Britain upon an equal footing with Russia in regard to the protection of China. Had such an agreement been made we should not have had two thousand men granted to be drilled by British officers.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY. LONDON, November 9th. The plague in the City of Bombay is steadily declining.

THE UNITED STATES—STATE ELECTIONS. I complete returns show that the Republicans have elected Col. Roosevelt Governor of New York state, and also Governors for fifteen other states. The Democrats have elected Governors for three states. The results of the elections to the State Legislatures assure a Republican Senate.

(From Japanese Papers.) RUSSIAN WARSHIPS. NAGASAKI, November 1st. Yesterday the *Chrysos* arrived from Vladivostok, and the *Sadyzhnka* from Port Arthur.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE. BERLIN, October 28th. The German Government intends to choose commissioners to represent the Empire at the International Peace Conference.

CHINESE SOLDIERS AND FOREIGNERS. PEKING, October 28th. The battalions of troops are still at Nanyuen. Despite the objection of the Foreign Representatives to the troops being stationed in the vicinity of Peking, the commander has issued orders calling for four more battalions.

Later. The Chinese Government has made no reply yet to the joint representations of the Foreign Ministers in Peking with regard to the soldiers. Yu Yu, the Peking Minister, has ordered Tong Fusheng, however, to stop any further reinforcement of the troops, and has also prohibited the troops stationed in and about Shanghai from approaching the place which may be visited by foreigners.

There were two of the main and troops of the Power's being withdrawn from Peking. But the calling out of troops by the Chinese Government has changed the situation and all hope of their withdrawal is at an end.

October 30th. The Tungli Vamen has now replied consenting to the demand of the Foreign Minister that the irregular soldiers should be withdrawn from the neighbourhood of Peking.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA. ANOTHER SECRET TREATY WITH RUSSIA. AN EXTRAORDINARY RUMOUR. PEKING, October 30th. It is reported that a new secret Treaty has been concluded between China and Russia. Its contents are given as follows—

Until the reorganization of the Chinese army and navy is completed, China shall have the assistance of the Russian army and navy for defence in case of emergency; in such case, the command of the army and navy shall remain in the hands of the Russian officers. The Chinese Government shall make proper pecuniary compensation to the Russian army and navy when their services are required. The commander of the Russian army at Liaoning and Port Arthur shall hold himself at the orders of the Chinese Government, and may be called upon to render assistance at any time.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA. MOSCOW, October 29th. The Russian Government has decided to contribute 200,000,000 roubles for the relief of the famine.

KOREAN AFFAIRS. SEOUL, October 31st. The Korean Emperor has issued an Imperial Ordinance for the reform of the Privy Council, the establishment of a Commercial and Industrial school, and the formation of regulations for newspapers and meetings.

The Emperor ordered the Independent Club to offer him their opinions on political questions.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION. KORE, November 1st. The steamer *Mitsuzawa Maru*, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the steamer *Chama Maru*, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, collided yesterday evening at seven o'clock at the entrance of the harbour, both steamers sustaining injuries. The former transferred its cargo and passengers to the *Ohura*, which afterwards left for Batan.

CHINESE AFFAIRS. DECORATIONS FOR THE JAPANESE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS. PEKING, October 31st. The Chinese Emperor and the Empress Dowager intend to present the Japanese Emperor and Empress with the highest decoration of China.

MR. YANO. The Chinese Government has agreed to give Mr. Yano, the Japanese Minister, an audience of His Majesty.

GERMAN GARRISON IN PEKING. BERLIN, October 28th. The German Government, it is said, will not withdraw the guards from its Legation in Peking.

DEATH OF PRINCE YO. PEKING, October 31st. Prince Yo has succumbed to illness.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS. Six divisions of troops will be withdrawn today or tomorrow.

FRENCH WARSHIP. TIENTSIN, October 31st. The French warship *Lion*, which has been anchoring at Taku, has left for Canton.

RIOTERS AT CHUNG-KING. SHANGHAI, October 31st. The rioters have promised the Government authorities to release the foreign missionaries whom they have captured. The district is quiet.

THE "ACTIV" WRECKED.

Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co. courteously place the following telegram received from Tamsui at our disposal—

"Activ" stranded Tamsui full water crew saved."

TYPHOON WARNING.

WARNING FROM MANILA. Mr. R. Wildman, U. S. Consul General, kindly forwards the following copy of a telegram which he received from Manila to-day—

"Depression announced yesterday is regular typhoon E.S.E. of Manila, approaching Luzon."

OBSERVATORY REPORT. The Observatory report says—On the 11th at 10.30 a.m.: A depression, apparently moving W.N.W., seems to be situated in S.E. Luzon. The barometer has risen much in the extreme North and is inclined to fall on the China coast. The depression lying in the North of the Sea of Japan yesterday has passed to the Eastward and pressure is now high over N.E. China. Gradients for N. and N.E. winds increasing on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST—Fresh N. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A BOATMAN was fined \$50 to-day for making fast to the steamer *Famion* while under way. Another was fined a similar amount for boarding the vessel without permission.

THE master of cargo boat No. 139 pleaded guilty at the Magistracy to-day to stealing two bales of cotton yarn, value \$160, the property of Messrs. Dowdell, Carhill & Co. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

THE Band of the K. O. L. Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock—

Selections—*Swissella*, *Pineau*, *Selections*, *La Balla in Mascher*, *Verit*, *Selections*, *Der Grot*, *A. R. H.*, *Claret*, *Chrysos*, *Il River*, *Petrella*, *Selections*, *Shamus O'Brien*, *Standard*, *Yale*, *Rosen Auf Den Weg*, *Petrus*, *God Save the Queen*.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley at four o'clock the Hongkong Football Club will play E. Company of the King's Own Regiment. The Club team will be—F. H. Kerr, goal; H. Pluckney and H. W. Looker, backs; C. Stockwell, I. Pluckney, and T. W. Hornby, halves; E. F. Mackay, H. K. Holmes, J. F. Noble, H. S. Holmes, and A. L. Lowe, forwards.

By kind permission of Captain Sir E. Chichester and officers of H.M.S. *Immortalite*, the band will play the following programme at the cricket match to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock—

March—*Hongkong*, *Sharp*, *Panama*, *Red White and Blue*, *Hase*, *Selections*, *Am Don Hockwald*, *Kamlich*, *Devotion*, *The Furber*, *patrol*, *Michael*, *Selections*, *Blue Bonnet*, *Conquered*, *Selections*, *Blue Bonnet*, *Balfour*.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlove Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals, and offers apologies to Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co. for delay in collecting—

Arnhold, Karberg & Co.....\$50
R. Cooke.....10
Rumjahn and Arab.....5

ABOUT nine Chinamen were assigned before Commander Hastings to the Magistracy to-day, charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 81 Praya Central on the 28th ult. Mr. Deeny appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Ewens for the defence. Three of the principals, who pleaded guilty, were fined \$100 each in default of nine months' imprisonment, the remainder being discharged. Inspector Moffat effected the arrests.

THE Cricket Match to-morrow—"Over 28 v. Under 28"—is likely to prove an interesting one, as the under 28 are very strong whilst the "old ups" are a stiff fighting crowd and even if defeated will probably die game. The following are the teams—

OVER 28. T. Seacombe-Smith, Capt. Langhorne, P. G. Davies, Capt. Dyson, J. A. Lawson, E. May, Mr. Wall R. N., Mr. Gill R. N., Mr. Gill R. N., Mr. Micholier R. N., Capt. C. B. Simonds R. N., Play will commence at 11.30.

UNDER 28. A. S. Anton, C. G. M. Burnie, W. L. Leitchbridge, H. Haeckel, K. G. Campbell, G. D. Campbell, H. H. R. A., Mr. Gill R. N., Mr. Gill R. N., Mr. Micholier R. N., Capt. C. B. Simonds R. N., Dewart R. N., Play will commence at 11.30.

SHORTLY before three o'clock this morning, says the *China Gazette* of 7th inst., the sleeping residents of the Settlement were aroused from their slumbers by three tremendous concussions followed immediately by a fierce fusillade that recalled to those familiar with the sound the noise of a midnight attack of a hostile force. Half the people in the vicinity of the Bund were awakened, and the foreign warships in the harbour beat to quarters, expecting that something big was at hand, but it was only some miserable mandarin going away and the usual salutes being fired by the native gunboats. We should like to see the commanders of these craft in the *congrus* on the Bund or in some other way visited with strong marks of displeasure at their abominable deed to give the great man, whoever he was, the best send off they knew how.

FERNANDO JOSE, Sergeant in the Misco military force, was brought before Commander Hastings to-day, on remand, under the extradition ordinance charged with larceny within the jurisdiction of the Portuguese Colony. An official from the Consulate at Hongkong produced a warrant issued by the Macao Government and also read over to the prisoner the depositions taken at Macao. The Magistrate, in accordance with the Ordinance, committed prisoner to gaol to await the orders of the Governor-in-Council and told the prisoner, through the interpreter, that within the next 15 days he would have an opportunity of appealing to the Supreme Court and that if he did not appeal he would be sent to the authorities at Macao. Prisoner intimated that he did not want to appeal and would rather go to Macao to-day.

FOR-having 23 tacks of opium, dress in excess without the consent of the opium farmer, a Chinaman was fined \$100 in default of three months. Another was fined \$75 for having 17 tacks of the drug.

SHORTLY after 7 o'clock this morning a Chinese prisoner who was serving a sentence of three months for indecent exposure made his escape over the western wall of the gaol using a short pole and several yards of rope. He was missed in a couple of minutes and the gaol staff with commendable slacity went soon on the trail of the escapes. The trail was an easy one to find owing to the prisoner having badly injured himself on the wall and Warden Hughes ran the man to earth in a short time catching him in a house No. 27 Stanton St. The occupant of the place on being interrogated denied all knowledge of such a refugee. Hughes found the runaway behind some bundles of straw in the house. To-day both parties were brought up at the Magistracy. The escaped prisoner was given six months' hard labour and the other man 42 days.

It is in its way significant, says the *L. & C. Express*, that the military authorities are now encouraging the study of the Russian Turkish, and Chinese languages by our officers. Certain officers are to be sent to Peking to acquire a knowledge of the Chinese tongue. Chinese is not at present included among the subjects of the language examinations, but after the forthcoming competition special marks and special rewards will be given the officers who pass in Chinese. We learn further that the preliminary examination in the Chinese language for officers of the Army will be held in Fuzuh by the Adviser on Chinese Affairs between April 16th and May 15th and during the month of September in each year. The year's leave to China for the purposes of study will commence from the date of embarkation at Rangoon, which should be within a fortnight of receiving the notification of having passed the preliminary examination. Officers who have qualified in the language will be held to have a claim to any employment which may offer itself, but the fact of their having passed the examination will not necessarily be considered to establish for them any right to preference of selection for any appointments which may be created.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoir on the 1st November.

1897. 1898.

Tyam 12.6" above overflow 1.3" above overflow
Pekin 1.3" above overflow 0.2" above overflow

STORAGE GALLONS.

1897. 1898.

Tyam 49,000,000 40,880,000
Pekin 61,260,000 66,860,000
Total 110,260,000 107,740,000

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Bill District during the month of October.

1897. 1898.

Consumption 98,422,000 108,151,000 gallons
Estimated population 191,500 197,000

Consumption per head 16.6 17.7 gallons per day.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of October.

1897. 1898.

Consumption 6,795,000 7,172,000 gallons
Estimated population 25,000 26,200

Consumption per head 8.8 8.8 gallons per day.

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

R. D. ORMSBY, Water Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. HO TUNG AND KANG YU-WEI.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—As one who has given much and deep attention to the matter of political and social reform in China, I request that you will kindly insert the following lines in reference to certain letters that have appeared recently in the local papers. Some time ago, there appeared in the papers signed "Modern Truth Finder," and following these came several from our respected citizen Mr. Ho Tung. "Modern Truth Finder" in his letters has made many false assumptions, and in his last laid charges at the door of one of the labels of whose who he was not worthy to listen. The recent action of Mr. Ho Tung must commend itself to all who have the least and best interest of China at heart. There is a growing feeling in the younger and educated portion of our race that China shall one day be a free and independent nation, and that the corrupt and treacherous system of the present day shall be replaced by a government of the people, for the people, and by the efforts of a gentleman like Mr. Ho Tung in seeking to repair this lamentable state of affairs, and I am sure that I am only echoing the views of many of my compatriots in saying that we agree with him in all his plain, honest, and outspoken sentiments as regards the reform in the great Empire of China.

Allow me here to say that the imputations against Mr. Ho Tung by "Modern Truth Finder" as regards his seeking advancement and emolument are, as most of us know, entirely unfounded and not in the least creditable to the gentleman who poses as the modern Diogenes. If "Modern Truth Finder" has the interest of his country at heart so warmly, it is rather strange to many of us, in Hongkong, that he should be found so strongly contesting the efforts of one who is doing his best to bring the Chinese nation to its proper level in the scale of nations. Mr. Ho Tung, who commands respect and respect amongst all who come in contact with him, and in most Chinese circles was only actuated by the kindest and noblest of aspirations in his treatment of Kang Yu-wei and his family, and for this can be held to blame by any? What he has done has proved him one who thinks no sacrifice too great when the cause of humanity needs a helping hand. May he have long life to further his good work, and may more of his kind be with us always, to perpetuate the brotherhood of mankind. Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of the above.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
CLAUDE LEY KUM.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1898.

THE "PARRAMATTA" IN COLLISION.

Singapore, November 4th.

The P. & O. *Parramatta*, bringing the mail from China, collided, yesterday morning, with the *Quin Eleanor*, and afterwards struck No. 4 section of the Tanjong Pagar Wharf. The *Parramatta* had been at anchor in the roads, and was proceeding towards the P. & O. Wharf where she was to be moored. The *Quin Eleanor* was going in the opposite direction, on her way out to sea, when for some reason yet unexplained, the *Quin Eleanor* struck the *Parramatta*, carried away her anchor, and bent one or two plates. The *Parramatta* then sheered on to the wooden wharf to which she knocked a hole quite a couple of yards deep, and three yards wide. She subsequently came to rest on the P. & O. Wharf, apparently undamaged, and on hearing of the occurrence, Mr. Moulden, the Manager of Tanjong Pagar, and the Assistant Manager, Mr. Swan, were soon on the scene, and by their instructions a temporary rail was placed round the damaged portion of the wharf.

—*Straits Times*.

NAVAL NOTES.

(From Home Papers).

London, October 7th.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—Lieutenants E. L. B. Boothby to the *Narcissus*, to date September 30; R. H. Jellicoe to the *Barfleur*, to date Oct. 15; R. I. Shee to the *Daphne*, to date March 22. Sub-Lieutenant V. D. English to the *Pulcock*, to date Oct. 15.

Crews for the shallow draught steamers *Woodcock* and *Sandpiper*, which are already on their way to the China Station, were despatched from Chatham on 1st inst. The party embarked on a P. & O. steamer at the Royal Albert Dock. The *Woodcock* and *Sandpiper*, similar river steamers, are now being embarked in sections on a steam transport ship at Chatham, which will shortly leave the Medway for Hongkong.

The museum of the United Service Institution has now on view a magnificent model of the *Saikishima*, first-class battleship, which is being built at Blackwall to the order of the Japanese Government. The model is a beautiful one, and it is clear that in the *Saikishima* the Japanese will have a battleship of the utmost power. She will be a better looking ship, in the opinion of many, than our vessels of the *Majestic* class, owing to the greater length of her superstructure, and will be every bit as formidable.

It was reported from Portsmouth that the cruiser *Terrible* had been ordered to prepare for sea at once—to coal, that is—and be in readiness to sail for the Pacific Station to-day. These orders have been countermanded, owing, it is believed, to defects in her machinery which will take two or three weeks to make good. Though nothing is said by the Admiralty office as to the future of the *Terrible*, the vessel is coaling, and there is a rumour that she is to be brought

